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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY, DIRECTOR OF
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Subject: Central America--Portents of Potential Increased
Terrorist Violence, including against US Targets (S)

As directed in the White House memorandum*, the attached
comments and examples are provided to assist you in the
preparation of your forthcoming threat assessment of potential
terrorist violence against US targets in Central America.

JACK N. MERRITT
Lieutenant General, USA
Director, Joint Staff

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SOUTH KOREA: EXPLOSIVE DEVICE DISCOVERED BY EOD TEAM AT U.S. OSAN AIR BASE (U)

(U) At 1709 local time (0309 EST), 29 November 1983, an explosive device was found and disabled by an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team in the recreation center at the U.S. Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. No details are known concerning the circumstances surrounding the discovery nor a description of the device. The recreation center was subsequently searched twice with negative results, and kept closed pending a third search during daylight hours. No person or group has claimed responsibility for the attempted bombing.

HONDURAS: APPARENT PLANNING FOR DECEMBER ATTACK AGAINST AHUAS TARA II EXERCISE PERSONNEL (S/NF)

(S/NF) Recent reporting from the USDAO Tegucigalpa raises the possibility that an attack against AHUAS TARA II exercise personnel is being planned for December. According to the reporting, there are several indicators of increased interest in AHUAS TARA II exercise personnel. First, an unknown group was reported to be compiling a list of North Americans in the San Pedro Sula area for future targeting and an operation against a North American was being planned (nfi). Second, the proprietor of a business previously identified as a front for Nicaraguan intelligence gathering in San Pedro Sula recently questioned an employee of a tobacco shop in the Hotel Copantt, San Pedro Sula, regarding the U.S. intelligence affiliations of two U.S. counterintelligence operations element personnel in that city. Finally, route reconnaissances have been occurring between Progreso, Tela, La Ceiba to Puerto Castilla reportedly by members of the terrorist group, Lorenzo Zelaya.

(S/NF/WN) Comment: AHUAS TARA II personnel and installations have received high visibility throughout the country, and recent worldwide news media coverage has disclosed the existence of exercise personnel in Honduras. We believe a significant potential terrorist threat to U.S. personnel and facilities exists in Honduras, particularly from two groups: the Popular Liberation Movement/People's Revolutionary Union (MPL/URP); and the Honduran Patriotic Front (FPH) which is comprised of several commands located throughout the country. The Lorenzo Zelaya Front is one of the most active commands of the FPH. Both these elements are capable of conducting a variety of terrorist actions, and both have targeted U.S. personnel and facilities in Honduras in the past. The report of route recons being conducted could, as the DAO indicates, well be an effort to identify chokepoints for potential terrorist attacks (sniping or vehicle bombings). In our view, the possibility of terrorist action is highest in San Pedro Sula and Tegucigalpa. The terrorist threat around Comayagua is also potentially high. Thus, we believe the above reporting, though not indicative of imminent attack, should be viewed with a healthy concern and should warrant even greater security awareness and caution by AHUAS TARA II personnel in that nation.

COLOMBIA: POSSIBLE SURVEILLANCE OF U.S. SERVICEMAN (C/NF)

(C/NF) According to recent U.S. Defense Attache Office (USDAO) reporting, one of the U.S. military Foreign Area Officers (FAO) assigned to Colombia was the recent subject of a possible surveillance by persons unknown. Reportedly,

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